

Please Pray

- ✳ **Prayer life:** (1) May we build up a day-to-day prayer life to cooperate with the Lord in His move on this earth; (2) May we also build a prayer life with our companions to support, encourage, and be built up together; (3) May the Lord gain the prayers that He desires and needs to move in His economy.
- ✳ **Continuous distribution and proper follow-up after various Bible distributions:** (1) Pray for the contacts that we have encountered during the Bible distributions for the proper follow up and shepherding by the saints. (2) Pray that many saints will rise up to have a heart to take care of the contacts. (3) Pray that some may be added to the churches as remaining fruit.
- ✳ **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones ("ITERO") (Oct. 7-10):** (1) May the brothers who registered be prepared starting now to be the best receivers of the Lord's speaking and dispensing; (2) May the speaking brothers be one with the Lord to release what the Lord has on His heart; (3) May the Lord gain what He is after in this training.
- ✳ **Ministry of the Word literature journey to Nagaland, North East India (Sept. 13-20):** Amana and Rhema, in coordination with the local brothers, organized a literature distribution trip to Nagaland. Many people purchased the Holy Bible Recovery Version and other ministry books, in addition to the 3,000 Basic Elements of the Christian Life Vol. 1 that were distributed among the Christian leaders, pastors, and Bible Colleges. (1) Pray for the Lord's continual shepherding of all these ones who have received the ministry, and for the gaining of His testimony in Nagaland; (2) Pray especially for the growth and multiplication of God's Word in the State of Nagaland; (3) Pray also for the further distribution and follow-up shepherding visit in the coming days.
- ✳ **2022 Eastern Canada College Conference (Oct. 14-16):** (1) May the Lord strengthen the serving ones for all the preparations and services; (2) May the college students be prepared to be the best receivers of the Lord's speaking and dispensing; (3) May the speaking brothers be one with the Lord to release what the Lord has on His heart; (4) May the students meet the Lord face to face during this time; (5) May the Lord gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳ **Pray for various local needs in Montréal:** The saints, their contacts, and for the persons in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Isa. 34:1 – 41:29.
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Samuel, Volume 2, Week 7.

Announcements

- ✳ There will be an important fellowship with all the young people's parents **TODAY**, October 2, during lunchtime.
- ✳ The Eastern Canada Young People's Conference will be held on October 28-30 at the Toronto Meeting Hall. Registration and more details will soon be provided.
- ✳ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and provide us with your prayer requests before Saturday of every week by sending an email to Allan Y., allan.yeow81@gmail.com. Please note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳ October 7-10 in our Meeting Hall and on Zoom: **Fall International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones ("ITERO")**.
- ✳ October 10-23 in Germany and Switzerland: **LME Gospel Trip**.
- ✳ October 28-30 in Toronto: **The Eastern Canada Young People's Conference**.
- ✳ November 24-27 in Washington, DC: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference**.
- ✳ December 26-31 in Anaheim, CA (if safe to do so): **December Semi-Annual Training**.

Please refer to the church's website where more events are listed.

This Week's Activities

Sun-Oct-02 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon- Oct-03	✳
Tues- Oct-04	✳ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed- Oct-05	✳
Thu- Oct-06	✳
Fri- Oct-07	✳ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Oct-08	✳
Sun-Oct-09 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

SEEKING GOD'S WILL

Scripture Reading: John 7:17; Matt. 10:29-31; 18:15-20; Rom. 8:14; Psa. 119:105; 1 John 2:27.

III. THE CONFIRMATION OF THE CHURCH AND OTHER FACTORS (cont'd)

We need to briefly touch on the matter of visions and dreams as well. In the Old Testament God revealed His will to man through visions and dreams. In the New Testament there are also visions and dreams, but God does not use them as an essential means of guidance. In the New Testament the Spirit of God dwells in us and speaks to us directly from within. The chief and common means of guidance are the inward leading. God will lead us by dreams and visions only when He has something very important to say and it would not be easy for us to accept this leading under normal circumstances. In the New Testament visions and dreams are not the usual means of God's leading. Therefore, even when we have visions and dreams, we should still safeguard ourselves by seeking the inward confirmation and the confirmation in the environment. For example, Acts 10 shows us that God wanted Peter to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. Peter, being a Jew, would never go to the Gentiles according to his tradition. In order to turn him from this prejudice, God had to show him a vision. After Peter saw the vision, Cornelius sent three men to him. This was the confirmation in the environment. At the same time there was also the speaking of the Holy Spirit. These internal and environmental confirmations assured him that he was acting according to God's will.

Of course, there are cases when one has little time to consider or wait. At such times one can prove God's will immediately if the vision or dream is clear and obvious and the feeling within approves it; there is no need to wait for the confirmation in the environment. For example, Paul was in a trance when he was praying in the temple. He saw the Lord speaking to him and charging him to leave Jerusalem without delay. At first he reasoned with the Lord and tried to refuse. But the Lord said to him again, "Go, for I will send you forth far away to the Gentiles" (Acts 22:17-21). Later, Paul met a heavy storm at sea, and all hope of salvation was gone. God sent His angel to stand beside him and speak to him, telling him not to fear (27:23-24). These were all clear visions. But they do not occur frequently in the New Testament. God revealed things to His children in visions and dreams only when there was a special need. Some Christians have so many so-called dreams and visions that these are like everyday meals to them. This is a kind of spiritual sickness. It may come from some kind of nervous disorder, attack from Satan, or

deception from evil spirits. Whatever the cause, this situation is abnormal.

In conclusion, God leads men by many ways. Everyone is different in his spiritual condition and needs. This is why God leads us in different ways. However, His main means are the arrangement in the environment, the inward leading, and the teachings in the Bible. We need to point out once again that when these three things are in line with one another, we can have the confidence that we have God's will.

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